Who is a close contact?

The below tool may be used to determine who needs to be quarantined in the event of an student/staff member with COVID-19 or symptoms of COVID-19 in school.

In addition, consider the following:
- Contacts should be identified based on the full contagious period, including 2 days before the sick student/staff member’s symptoms started or positive test date, whichever is earlier
- All time-based criteria are cumulative (i.e. 2 x 10 minute exposures in a day is equivalent to one 20 minute exposure)
- It is not developmentally appropriate for young children to remain in their seats throughout a school day, and they may not be able to wear a mask consistently. This may increase the number of contacts associated with a case in younger grade levels.

**TARGETED CONTACT IDENTIFICATION CRITERIA**

- ADMINISTRATIVE CAPACITY
  - Tracking illness-related absences
  - Seating charts available
  - Plan to work with LPHA to perform contact tracing

- MINIMIZING TRANSMISSION RISK
  - Home symptom screening encouraged
  - Sick individual masked, except during meals
  - Extra precautions for meals
  - No high risk activities (e.g. singing, wind/brass instruments, vigorous exertion)

**TARGETED CONTACT IDENTIFICATION**

Any person who meets ANY of the following criteria is a close contact:
- Were within 6 feet of the individual for 15 minutes or greater, when both parties are masked OR
- Were within 12 feet of the individual for 15 minutes or greater, when either parties is unmasked and indoors (e.g. mealtimes)

**ENHANCED CONTACT IDENTIFICATION**

Any person who meets ANY of the following criteria is a close contact:
- Was in a room with the sick individual for 40 minutes* OR
- Was within 6 feet of the sick individual for 15 minutes, when both parties are masked OR
- Were within 12 feet of the individual for 15 minutes, when either parties is unmasked and indoors (e.g. mealtimes)

*Teachers wearing a KN95 or better and eye protection do not need to quarantine unless they were within 6 ft for 15 minutes of the sick person (or 12 ft for 15 minutes if the sick person was not wearing a mask.)

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